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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

Of North-Carolina,

FOR

1820.

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GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,

DECEMBER 9TH, A. L. 5820.

Agreeably to the order of the most worshipful Grand Master, the Officers, Members and Representatives met in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh.—

PRESENT

The M. W. CALVIN JONES, *G. M.*
R. W. LEWIS D. WILSON, *G. S. W.*
J. C. EHRINGHAUSE, *G. J. W. P. T.*
BEZALEEL GILLET, *G. S. P. T.*
WILLIAM BOYLAN, *G. T.*
JOHN H. HASSAM, *D. G. S. P. T.*
JESSE A. DAWSON, *G. S. D. P. T.*
BENJAMIN A. BARHAM, *G. J. D. P. T.*
JOHN A. CAMERON. *G. M. P. T.*
THOMAS HENDERSON, *G. S. B.*
JOHN SCOTT, *G. P. P. T.*
Bro. ROBERT PARSLEY, *G. Steward,*
Bro. THOMAS POUNDS, *G. T.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax Bro. Willis Alston.
Phœnix, No. 8, Fayetteville, Bro. John A. Cameron.
American George, No. 17, Murfreesborough, Bro. Allen Deberry.
Liberty, No. 45, Wilkesborough, Bro. William Hampton, and John Ishell.
Hiram, No. 40, Raleigh, Bro. Alexander Ross, Benj. A. Barham and J. W. Young.
Taylor, No. 69, Beaufort, Bro. Thomas Henderson & E. H. Bell.
Hall, No. 53, Currituck, Bro. Leonard Martin and William Mercer.
Golden Fleece, (by disp.) Milton, Bro. John E. Lewis and John H. Perkins.
Widows Son, (by disp.) Camden, Bro. W. B. Webster and John H. Roberts.
Scotland Neck, No. 68, Halifax, Bro. Jesse A. Dawson.
Williams, No. 66, Currituck, Bro. John T. Hampton.
Davie, No. 39 Bertie, Bro. Jesse A. Dawson.
Concord, No. 58, Tarborough, Bro. Lewis D. Wilson.

VISITORS,

Bro. J. R. Ballard, Alfred Jones, C. L. Hinton, Thomas Tillet, Charles D. Donoho, Asa S. Smith, Lewis Foscue, Thomas Rawlins, John H. Mahle, J. H. Lamb, William Robertson, Payton H. Liles, G. Watson, Alexander J. Lawrence, Benjamin Ellis and Dirk Lindeman.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form with prayer by the M. W. Grand Master.

A motion was made by Bro. John E. Lewis, to grant a charter to Golden Fleece Lodge, at Milton, and agreed to.

A petition from Samuel Robinson, was received and read. On motion of Bro. Ehringhause this petition was referred to a committee. Bro. J. C. Eringhause, John Scott and Jesse A. Dawson, were appointed to report at the next meeting.

The resignation of Bro. Alexander Lucas, as Grand Secretary, was received and read as follows:

To the most Worshipful Grand Master, and Right W. Grand Officers, Representatives and Members of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina.

RESPECTED BRETHREN,

I am compelled to tender you my resignation as Grand Secretary, of your Right Worshipful Body.

The extremely low condition of my health, admonishes me, that I ought to give place to some brother capable of actively serving the Grand Lodge.

I cannot, however, withdraw from the honor of a seat among you, without tendering to the Grand Lodge, the expression of my heart-felt gratitude for its distinguished kindness towards me during nine years.

Respectfully and fraternally,

Brethren,

Yours,

A. LUCAS.

December, 9th, 1820.

The M. W. Grand Master read a letter from the Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Virginia, respecting the character and conduct, of Mr. David Vinton.

On motion of Bro. Parsley, it was resolved, that a committee be raised, to consist of the M. W. G. Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, to address a letter to the D. G. H. Priest of the United States, request-

-ng information respecting the suspension and expulsion of David Vinton, and that the committee (in case the said Vinton do stand so suspended or expelled) cause circulars to be sent to all the subordinate Lodges in this state and to the Grand Lodges of the States, South and West of this, cautioning them against admitting the said Vinton into their Lodges.

A memorial was received from Liberty Lodge at Wilkesborough, respecting the dues of the subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge. On motion of Bro. William Boylan, this memorial was referred to a committee: Bro's. Boylan, L. D. Wilson and J. C. Ehringahuse were appointed a committee and to report to the Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Parsley it was agreed that the committee on the case of David Vinton, extend their inquiries to the Grand Chapter and to the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Cameron a committee was appointed to take into consideration the petitions of Lodges (now working under dispensations,) for Charts.

Bro. JOHN A. CAMERON,
WM. BOYLAN,
LEONARD MARTIN,
Appointed.

On motion of Bro. John A. Cameron,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, feel deep regret at the death of P. Grand Master, Wm. R. Davie and Deputy Grand Master John Winslow, and as a testimony of respect to their memories, the Brethren of this Lodge, will wear crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

On motion of Bro. Lewis D. Wilson, it was resolved, that Bro. Parsley, have the use of the Masonic Hall, during the present session of the Legislature, for the purpose of giving balls and parties.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Cameron an appropriation of forty dollars was made, from the funds of the Grand Lodge, to assist Bro. John Mahle, a distressed foreigner.

On motion of Bro. William Boylan Grand Treasurer, a committee consisting of Bro. John A. Cameron Leonard Martin and Thomas Henderson, was appointed to examine into the Treasurers accounts.

On motion of Brother Willis Alston, it was agreed

that the committee on Charters be instructed to report to the Grand Master and that he have power to Grant Charters, in case the report is favorable.

Moved by Bro. Young, that a committee to consist of three, be appointed to take into consideration whether the Grand Lodge, have power to grant Charters for Mark and Past Masters Lodges, and to report at the next meeting.

The Committee appointed were

ROBERT PARSLEY,
JOHN A. CAMERON,
J. IREDELL.

On motion of Bro. John A. Cameron, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and solemn form, subject to the call of the M. W. Grand Master.

B. GILLET, *G. S. P. T.*

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

DECEMBER 16TH, A. L. 5820.

By order of the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met this evening, when were present,

The M. W. CALVIN JONES, *G. M.*
R. W. JAMES IREDELL, *Dep. G. M.*
R. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, *S. G. W.*
JOHN C. EHRINGHAUSE *J. G. W.*
B. GILLET, *G. S. P. T.*
JOHN TAYLOR, *G. T. P. T.*
J. H. HASSAM, *Dep. G. Sec. P. T.*
JESSE A. DAWSON, *G. S. D. P. T.*
BENJ. A. BARHAM, *G J. D. P. T.*
J. A. CAMERON, *G. M. P. T.*
THOMAS HENDERSON, *G. S.*
JOHN SCOTT, *G. P. P. T.*
ROBERT PARSLEY, *G. S.*
Bro. BENJAMIN ELLIS, *G. T. P. T.*

MEMBERS.

Past G. M. JOHN L. TAYLOR,

The following additional Representatives—

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, Wadesborough, Bro. Francis A. Cash and George Dunlap—Sharon by Dispensation at Granville, Bro. Amos A. Atkinson.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth, Bro. James

Iredell,—University at Chapel Hill, by Dispensation Bro. Mark M. Henderson.

Unanimity, No. 54, Bro. James Iredell.

St. Johns, No. 1, Wilmington, Bro. John Walker.

Eagle, No. 71, Hillsborough, Bro's. John Scott, Willie Shaw and John Taylor.

VISITORS.

Benjamin Person, S. Strudwick, Alexander J. Lawrence, William Welch, William S. Barns, J. R. Ballard, J. C. Stedman, J. H. Harvey, Dirk Lindeman, J. Ramsay, Randolph Webb, A. T. Smith, Rich. Sneed, J. Marling, Lewis Foscue and Samuel Loomis.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form, with prayer by the M. W. Grand Master.

Brother Mark M. Henderson surrendered the Dispensation of University Lodge at Chapel Hill.

GRAND LODGE, DEC. 16TH, 1820.

The committee to whom was referred the applications of Lodges, working by dispensations, for Charters, respectfully report, that the Constitution, Bye Laws and proceedings of the Golden Fleece Lodge at Milton, and of the Widows Sons Lodge at Camden, have been submitted to, and examined by this committee and, they recommend that Charters be granted to said Lodges,

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CAMERON, *Chairman.*

This report was read and concurred in,

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, DEC. 16, 1820.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, having discharged the duties assigned them, Report, that there is at this time, two hundred and thirty-eight pounds in the hands of the Treasurer, due, and owing to the Grand Lodge and subject to their disposal,

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CAMERON, *Chairman.*

This report was read and concurred in—

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, DEC. 16, 1820.

The committee who were authorized to enquire, whether the Grand Lodge, have the power to grant Charters to Mark and other Masons of a higher degree, Re-

port, that in the opinion of this Committee, the Grand Lodge have no such power—

Respectfully submitted
J. A. CAMERON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Brother Young, the consideration of this report was laid over untill next meeting.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Brother Samuel Robinson, late a member of Hall Lodge, No. 53, respectfully report,

That they have performed the painful task of investigating the errors and irregularities into which the members of a most respectable Lodge, have been betrayed by a momentary forgetfulness of the grand principals of the orders; and by yielding to passion and personal animosity, those sacrifices, which belong only to Justice, to prudence and to beneficence.

The important services heretofore rendered to the craft, by Hall Lodge, its admirable example of Masonic duty and obedience, and the high standing of its officers and members generally, added to the purest feelings of fraternal love, suggested to your committee, the propriety of adverting to their late obliquities, with all possible delicacy, prefering to call their brethren by admonition, to a sense of what they owe to themselves, and believing that such brethren will not fail to retrace their steps, when they perceive that they can neither be stationary nor advance without pulling down the pillars of the Temple, and defacing the fair form which the work of former times, has inscribed on the entablature. With these feelings, your committee will lay before you such facts as they have collected from documents accompanying the petition. The petitioner having some disagreement with brother Williams, exhibited several charges against him, before a standing committee appointed by the Lodge, to settle differences among the Brethren; That these charges were affirmed by the committee, who unanimously reported to that effect, and their report was signed by Brother Baxter their chairman; that at a subsequent meeting of the committee the report, without being reconsidered and cancelled by the committee, was torn to pieces by the chairman, who said it should not be returned to the Lodge. The fragments, however, were collected by the petitioner and pasted together, and being laid before the

committee, they returned it to the Lodge. The petitioner made an effort in the Lodge, to have the report read, but he was answered, by a motion for expulsion, which was put and carried, without any charges being exhibited against him, and without an opportunity being given him to defend himself.

Your committee think they cannot safely give an opinion on the part of the complaint, which relates to tearing up the report, it is so extraordinary and unaccountable, as to be scarcely credible. They cannot but conjecture that the whole transaction does not appear from the documents laid before them, and think it right to observe in this and every other instance, that maxim of universal justice, "hear the other side." They therefore, abstain from making any remarks on the conduct attributed to Brother Baxter, who is not a party in this proceeding and whose case ought not to be prejudged.

But the circumstances attending the expulsion of the petitioner are certified by several brethren, members, and Visitors of Hall Lodge; and your committee are decidedly of opinion that such expulsions was irregular.

1. Because no charges were exhibited against the petitioner nor apportunity allowed him to defend himself.

Second. Because a sword ballot was not allowed him at his request.

3. There were but four votes counted for him when in truth five were given—Wherefore, your Committee recommend that the said vote of expulsion be cancelled and annulled and that the petitioner Samuel Robinson, be restored to his masonic rights in full brother-hood; subject however, to any regular course of proceeding which any member of Hall Lodge, may think proper to institute against him. And your committee further recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to address a paternal and monitory letter to the worthy Officers and members of Hall Lodge, No. 53, invoking them by every tie sacred among Masons to return to that watchful preservation of land marks by which they have heretofore been distinguished:

To make an earnest, distinguished and generous effort to put an end to discord and animosity; to resume that mutual kindness forbearance and forgiveness to each o-

ther, which have preserved the edifice of Masonary, from the waste of time and given it stability amid the rage of every varied storm : and finally, remind them that the Lodge is the asylum of feeble man, not only against the shafts of adversity and the perils of strife, but what is most to be dreaded, against the conflicts of his own passions. All which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. EHRINGHHAUSE,
JOHN SCOTT,
JESSE A. DAWSON.

This report was read and non concurred in.

On motion of Brother Ehringhause it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to enquire into the difference between Hall Lodge, No. 53, and Brother Samuel Robinson and that they report the facts to a special Grand Lodge.

Brothers J. IREDELL,
J. C. EHRINGHAUSE,
ISAAC N. LAMB,

Appointed.

On motion of Brother Parsley it was agreed, that the Grand Treasurer should pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of five dollars for every Charter issued to a subordinate Lodge, by him.

On motion of Brother J. L. Taylor, it was ordered, that Brother Thomas Henderson be employed to print five copies of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, for the use of each subordinate Lodge.

Brother Jesse A. Dawson presented a certificate to the Grand Lodge, pertaining to dues, from Scotland Neck Lodge, to the Grand Lodge, for a Charter, which was ordered to lie over until the next meeting.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The M. W. JOHN A. CAMERON was elected G. Master,

The R W. L. D. WILSON, *G. S. Warden,*
The R. W. J. C. EHRINGHAUSE, *G. J. Warden,*
WM. BOYLAN, *Grand Treasurer,*
B. GILLET, *Grand Secretary,*

It was ordered that the power of the committee appointed at the last annual communication to purchase

painted floor cloths, should still continue, and that they discharge the duties assigned them.

On motion of Brother John L. Taylor,

Resolved Unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our Most Worshipful Brother General Calvin Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, for his able, faithful and meritorious services in the discharge of the duties of that important station: for his care and attention to the Craft generally, and to this Grand Lodge in particular.

Ordered that the Grand Lodge adjourn to meet on Tuesday next.

The business having been concluded, the Grand Lodge was closed in due and solemn form

B. GILLET, G. S. P. T.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,
December 19th, A. L. 5820.

Agreeably to adjournment the Grand Lodge met this Evening, when were present,

The M. W. CALVIN JONES, *G. M.*
R. W. JAMES IREDELL, *Dep. G. M.*
L. D. WILSON, *G. S. W.*
JOHN C. EHRINGHAUSE, *G. J. W.*
WILLIAM BOYLAN, *G. Treas.*
BEZALEEL GILLET, *G. Sec.*
JOHN H. HASSAM, *Dep. G. Sec.*
JESSE A. DAWSON, *G. S. D.*
BENJ. A. BARHAM, *G. J. D.*
THOS. HENDERSON, *G. S. B.*
JOHN SCOTT, *G. P. P. T.*
Bro. ROBERT PARSLEY, *G. T.*
Bro. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, *G. S. P.*

MEMBERS.

JOHN L. TAYLOR, *P. G. M.*

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Rising Sun, No. 72, Wake, Bro. Wm. Clements.

VISITORS.

Bros. Benj. Ellis, Dirk Lindeman, J. R. Ballard, Joseph Harvey, S. J. Smith, A. J. Lawrence and L. Foscue.

The Grand Lodge, was opened in due and solemn form, with pray, by the M. W. Grand Master. The proceedings of the last Lodge, were read and approved.

The Lodge, now proceeded to install the Officers elect, for the ensuing year, which was done in due and solemn form.

The M. W. Grand Master, John A. Cameron, was pleased to make thefollowing appointments.

R. W. FREDERICK NAS , *Dep. G. Master.*
JOHN SCOTT, *G. Marshall.*
THOMAS HENDERSON, *G. Sword Bearer.*
WM. M. SNEED, *G. Pur't*
Revd. WM. LANCASTER,
GREGORY T. BEDELL, } *G. Chaplains:*
JOSEPH CALDWELL,
R. W. WM. W. JONES,
ESSECK ARNOLD,
JACOB HARTTLEMAN,
JOHN M. WALKER, } *G. Lecturers.*
JOHN W. WRIGHT,
HUTCHINS G. BURTON,
JESSE A. DAWSON, *G. S. Deacon.*
BENJ. A. BARHAM, *G. J. Deacon.*
Bro. ROBERT PARSLEY, *G. Stewart.*
THOS. POUNDS, *G. Tyler.*

After the annunciation of these appointments, Brother JOHN H. HASSAM, was appointed *Dep. G. Secretary.*

The Most Worshipful John A. Cameron, G. Master, was now pleased to make a pertinent and eloquent address to the Grand Lodge, on the occaion of his being appointed to the Chair, portraying with feeling and energy, the duties involving on him, on the Grand Lodge, and upon the Craft generally.

The Grand Lodge, now took up the consideration of the report of the committee on the power of the Grand Lodge, to grant Charters to Mark and other Masons of higher degree, which, after some discussion was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 68, have twenty dollars passed to their credit, on the books of the Grand Lodge, which stands charged to them for a Char-

ter, and which it is believed, has been paid. *Ordered*, That Brother Parsley, sell the Stove, which now belongs to this Lodge, and that he be authorized to buy a larger and more convenient one, and fix it up with necessary repairs.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the memorial from Liberty Lodge, No. 45, on the subject of the annual contributions, from the subordinate Lodges, to the Grand Lodge; having performed the duty assigned them,—Report,

That they have examined the Book of accounts of the G. Treasurer, and they find about eighteen Lodges that are in the habit of paying their annual dues, which at fifteen dollars each, make two hundred and seventy dollars, and that the dividends on five shares of State Bank Stock, which may be estimated at eight per cent, will yield forty dollars more; making a total of annual receipts, amounting to three hundred and ten dollars. Deducting from this sum, one hundred and fifty dollars, the ordinary expences, will leave a balance of one hundred and sixty, to meet extraordinary charges; a sum but small for the purpose.

But in consideration that money is difficult to be procured. Your committee recommend that the annual dues required from the subordinate Lodges, be reduced to the former sum of ten dollars.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee,

WILLIAM BOYLAN, Chairman.

This report was read and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, issue notices to all the subordinate Lodges, which stand indebted to this Grand Lodge, for annual dues for three years and over to show cause why their Charters should not be surrendered agreeable to a resolution of the Grand Lodge in 1818.

Resolved, That in consideration of the able and faithful services of Brother Alexander Lucas as Secretary of the Lodge, he be allowed the sum of seventy-five dollars, for his trouble in issuing Charters and transcribing the minutes of this Lodge annually for six years past, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the same.

No further business coming before the Grand Lodge,

it was closed in due and solemn form in peace and harmony.

Adjourned sine die.

BEZALEEL GILLET, Gr. Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

DECEMBER 22, A. L. 5820.

Agreeable to an order from the Most W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met this afternoon, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother Alexander Lucas deceased, late Secretary of this Lodge,—when were present,

The M. W. JOHN A. CAMERON, *G. M.*
R. W. ROBERT PARSLEY, *G. S. W. P.*
JOHN C. EHRINGHAUSE *G. J. W.*
WILLIAM BOYLAN, *G. T.*
B. GILLET, *G. S.*
JESSE A. DAWSON, *G. S. D.*
BENJ. A. BARHAM, *G J. D.*
THOMAS HENDERSON, *G. M. P.*
A. S. H. BURGESS, *G. S. B. P. T.*
Br. DAVID RUTH, *G. T. P. T.*

The representatives from the subordinate Lodges were generally present, and many visiting Brethren. The Grand Lodge was opened in solem and ancient form, with prayer by the M. W. Grand Master. The procession was now formed, which proceeded to the late dwelling of our deceased Brother, and then the procession followed the body to the burying ground, where the funeral service was performed, by the M. W. Grand Master, and the body interred in solemn form.—The procession now returned to the Masonic Hall.—There being no further business before this Lodge, it was closed in due form, and adjourned until the next annual communication, unless especially convened.

BEZELEEL GILLET. G. Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES,

Working under the jurisdiction of the **Grand Lodge of** *North-Carolina.* 1821.

St. John's,	No.	1,	Wilmington,
Royal White Heart,		2,	Halifax,
St. John,		3,	Newbern,
Royal Edwin,		5,	Windsor,
Phœnix,		8,	Fayetteville,
Johnston Caswell,		10,	Warrenton,
Washington,		15,	Beaufort,
American George,		17,	Murfreesborough,
King Solomon,		18,	Jones county,
Hiram,		24,	Williamsborough,
Mount Moria,		27,	Iredell,
Phalanx,		31,	Charlotte,
Freeland,		33,	Rowan,
Davie,		39,	Bertie,
Hiram,		40,	Raleigh,
Liberty,		45,	Wilkesborough,
Social,		46,	Pittsborough,
Hall,		53,	Currituck,
Unanimity,		54.	Edenton,
King Solomon,		56,	Northampton,
St. Andrews,		57,	Louisburg,
Concord,		58,	Tarborough,
Perseverance,		59,	Plymouth,
Union,		62,	Waynesborough,
Camden,		63,	Jonesborough,
Kilwinning,		64.	Wadesborough,
Wm. R. Davie,		65,	Lexington,
Williams,		66,	Currituck,
Neuse,		67,	Smithfield,
Scotland Neck,		68,	Halifax,
Taylor,		69,	Beaufort,
Blakely,		70,	Franklin,
Eagle,		71,	Hillsborough,
Western Sun,		72,	Wake,
John L. Taylor,		73,	Currituck,
Golden Fleece,		74,	Milton,
Widows' Son,		75,	Camden,
Sharon,	(*dispensation,*)		Greensville,
Greensborough,	do.		Guilford,
Halo,	do.		Cahawba,
Albermarle,	do.		Hertford.

EXPELLED.

Thomas Loring, from Eagle Lodge, No 71, Sept. 2, 1820.
Samuel Bray, from Williams' Lodge, No. 66, February 1820.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

In the discharge of a duty of my office, I have the honor of communicating to you the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at its last Annual Communication, together with a list of Lodges under this jurisdiction, and a copy of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

With respect, I have the honor to be,
yours fraternally,

Benaiah Gillet
Grand Secretary.